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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 25 April 1980

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Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

Hitz precipitated a lengthy discussion of the parameters any briefing might take in response to our having been requested to cover the aborted rescue operation in Iran before our Committees. Mr. Carlucci, following receipt of a telephone call from the Director, advised that the White House will be briefing the Congressional leadership at 1030 this morning, and a general briefing for the Congress at 1330 this afternoon is being arranged. This will obviate our having to brief the Committees today, and Hitz will advise Committee staffs of the White House scheduling and indicate that we will be responsive to subsequent queries. Mr. Carlucci endorsed the suggestion of [] and Clarke that those in attendance not try to brief their staffs on the incident or operation but wait until many of the points are clarified. []

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Clarke noted that the Evans-Novak item claiming a CIA verdict against MX (attached) is simply not true. []

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Wortman advised that the use of carpools has increased 22 percent in the past year. Clarke wondered if bicycle paths along Rt. 123 were feasible to enhance the safety of those who are bicycling to work. Wortman noted that this had been looked into, but he will review and advise. []

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B. C. Evans

Attachment

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INSIDE REPORT

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CIA Vs. MX

WASHINGTON -- A TOP-SECRET Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) REPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER WARNS THAT THE PROPOSED MX MOBILE MISSILE SYSTEM HAS BEEN OUTFLANKED BY NEW SOVIET LONG-RANGE NUCLEAR WARHEADS; THUS FORCING THE U.S. TO LOOK ELSEWHERE TO PROTECT ITS INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES -- AND SETTING OFF A BITTER INTERNAL BUREAUCRATIC STRUGGLE HERE.

THE REPORT HAS BEEN HELD UP BY DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER AND OTHER GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS. THEY OBJECT TO TURNER'S FORMAL CONCLUSION THAT THE LAND-BASED MX, STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE, NEEDS TO BE REPLACED; RETIRED ADM. TURNER IS SUSPECTED, PERHAPS UNFAIRLY, OF PLUGGING FOR A COASTAL, SEA-BASED SYSTEM.

THE CIA'S VERDICT AGAINST MX, SAY SOME OFFICIALS, EXCEEDS ITS MANDATE. COMPETING INTELLIGENCE SERVICES CONTEND THAT WHETHER OR NOT THE MX IS NOW UNWORKABLE SHOULD BE A DECISION FOR THE PRESIDENT OR THE PENTAGON, NOT THE CIA.

ANDERSON IN N.Y.

ALTHOUGH JIMMY CARTER'S LAWYERS KEPT INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE EUGENE MCCARTHY OFF THE NEW YORK BALLOT IN 1976 AND THEREBY SAVED THE ELECTION, REP. JOHN ANDERSON IS LIKELY TO PREVENT A REPETITION OF THAT PLOY BY WINNING THE READY-MADE PLACE ON THE BALLOT LONG HELD BY THE STATE LIBERAL PARTY.

THE LIBERAL FIRST CHOICE IS SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY. BUT ASSUMING HE IS NOT NOMINATED, PARTY LEADERS HAVE ALL BUT DECIDED TO GIVE THEIR DESIGNATION TO ANDERSON. THERE IS NO CHANCE OF CARTER HEADING THE

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LIBERAL LINE IN NEW YORK; AS HE DID IN 1976. THE RESULT COULD BE ANDERSON DRAWING ENOUGH VOTES TO GIVE THE STATE TO THE REPUBLICANS; AS MCCARTHY WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING FOUR YEARS AGO.

A FOOTNOTE: ANDERSON IS POPULAR WITH NEW YORK LIBERALS AND WILL BE MORE SO IF HE CAN FIND A LEFTISH DEMOCRATIC RUNNING MATE -- SUCH AS REP. MORRIS UDALL OF ARIZONA. FEELERS HAVE GONE OUT (ON A STAFF-TO-STAFF BASIS) FROM ANDERSON TO UDALL; BUT THE ANSWER HAS BEEN AN UNEQUIVOCAL AND IRREVERSIBLE NO.

BEGIN'S WASHINGTON PLOY

BREAKING NEW GROUND AS AN ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER: MENACHEM BEGIN BROUGHT NEARLY 1,000 TOP JEWISH LEADERS TO THE SHOREHAM HOTEL IN WASHINGTON TO PLEAD FOR THEIR SUPPORT AGAINST PRESIDENT CARTER'S MIDEAST POLICIES.

ON PAST U.S. VISITS BY BEGIN AND EARLIER ISRAELI PRIME MINISTERS; HE INEVITABLE APPEAL FOR HELP HAS ALWAYS BEEN MADE FAR AWAY IN NEW YORK CITY. BUT BEGIN WANTED TO IMPRESS CARTER WITH HIS INFLUENCE ON THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY WHICH HAS TURNED AGAINST THE PRESIDENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES. A SESSION WITH JEWISH LEADERS 10 MINUTES' DRIVE AWAY MIGHT MAKE A LARGER STIR IN THE WHITE HOUSE THAN ONE 300 MILES AWAY.

A FOOTNOTE: DESPITE WIDE DISCONTENT WITH BEGIN'S COLONIZATION METHODS ON THE PALESTINE WEST BANK; LEADERS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY TEND TO PUBLICLY SUPPORT TO ISRAELI LEADERS. THAT PATTERN WAS REPEATED DESPITE RISING FRUSTRATION PRIVATELY FELT BY JEWISH LEADERS OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDER BEGIN'S DANGEROUS WEST BANK POLICY.

REAGAN PLUS DEMOCRAT

THE NEW RIGHT POLITICAL MOVEMENT; SEEKING TO WIN OVER BLUE-COLLAR DEMOCRATS WITH POPULISTIC CONSERVATISM; IS PRESSING RONALD REAGAN TO ELECT A CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRAT AS HIS RUNNING MATE.

PAUL WEYRICH; A LEADING THEORETICIAN OF THE NEW RIGHT; SUGGESTS SEN. DAVID BOREN OF OKLAHOMA AS A SUITABLE DEMOCRAT FOR THE REPUBLICAN TICKET. HE ALSO PUSHES GOV. FOB JAMES OF ALABAMA; AS "A NON-RACIST SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT" WHO WOULD HELP BUILD A NEW MAJORITY COALITION.

A FOOTNOTE: SEN. HOWARD BAKER OF TENNESSEE; MOST WIDELY MENTIONED AS REAGAN'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE; WOULD ENERGIZE NEW RIGHT OPPOSITION TO REAGAN. "IF THEY HAVE TO GO TO THE FORD WING OF THE PARTY;" WEYRICH TOLD US; HIS CHOICE WOULD BE GOV. WILLIAM CLEMENTS OF TEXAS AS A REPUBLICAN WHO ATTRACTS CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATS.

ANOTHER REAGAN BLOOPER

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IN SEEKING JUSTIFICATION TO USE THE ANTITRUST LAWS TO CURB UNION POWER; RONALD REAGAN MADE ANOTHER OF THE BLOOPERS HIS ADVISERS ARE DESPERATE TO AVOID: FABRICATING A MAGAZINE ARTICLE.

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AT SOUTH BEND, IND.; REAGAN CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNION ABUSES A READER'S DIGEST ARTICLE BY AL BARKAN; HEAD OF THE AFL-CIO'S COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION (COPE); REVEALING THAT \$68 MILLION HAD BEEN SPENT FOR A HUBERT HUMPHREY CAMPAIGN. THAT WAS NEWS AT AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS. "AL DOESN'T WRITE ANYTHING - EVEN MEMOS; MUCH LESS MAGAZINE ARTICLES;" ONE COLLEAGUE TOLD US. THE READER'S DIGEST SAID IT NEVER HAD PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BY BARKAN. REAGAN APPARENTLY WAS REFERRING TO A 10-YEAR-OLD READER'S DIGEST ARTICLE BY LESTER VELIE ESTIMATING THE TOTAL VALUE OF ORGANIZED LABOR'S POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT \$60 MILLION (CONSIDERED A GROSS EXAGGERATION BY LABOR).

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